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**THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended): An airbag cushion comprising:

(a) a first fabric blank having an exterior perimeter of substantially four-sided rectangular shape, said first fabric blank comprising a first pair of opposed and substantially straight sides and a second pair of opposed and substantially straight sides, said first pair of sides being substantially parallel to each other, further wherein said second pair of sides are substantially parallel to each other, said first pair of sides being oriented generally perpendicular in relation to said second pair of sides; -and

(b) a second fabric blank connected to said first fabric blank through the utilization of at least one seam, said second blank further comprising at least one centrally located slit and an exterior periphery;

(c) wherein said airbag cushion comprises:

i) a first end being formed by the union of the exterior periphery of said second fabric blank and the exterior perimeter of the first fabric blank, and  
ii) a second end formed by the centrally located slit of the second fabric blank,

such that said first end is closed and said second end comprises at the slit an opening adapted for receiving an inflation device,

; and

(d) wherein at least a portion of said at least one seam is in contact with both of said first end and said second end of the airbag cushion.

2. (Previously presented) The airbag cushion of claim 1, wherein said at least a portion of said at least one seam in contact with both of said first end and said second end is substantially straight.

3. (Original): A vehicle restraint system comprising the airbag cushion as defined in Claim 1.

4. (Canceled).

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## 5. (Currently Amended): An airbag cushion comprising:

at least a first fabric blank having an exterior perimeter, said first fabric blank being of substantially rectangular shape along said perimeter, said perimeter of said first fabric blank comprising a first pair of opposed and substantially straight sides and a second pair of opposed and substantially straight sides, said first pair of sides being substantially parallel, further wherein said second pair of sides are substantially parallel, said first pair of sides being oriented substantially perpendicular to said second pair of sides; and

a second fabric blank having at least one a centrally located opening and an exterior periphery, wherein said first fabric blank and said second fabric blank are connected together in part by a seam of the exterior perimeter of the first fabric blank in union with the exterior periphery of the second fabric blank at a first end of the airbag cushion, further wherein the opening of the second fabric blank is positioned at the second end of the airbag cushion in the form of a mouth that is adapted for receiving an inflation device.  
~~through the utilization of at least two seams, wherein said airbag cushion has a first end and a second end such that said first end is closed.~~

## 6. (canceled)

## 7. (Original): A vehicle restraint system comprising the airbag cushion as defined in Claim 5.

## 8. (canceled)